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SUBJECT: PM GANDHI TO VISIT MAURITIUS, TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA

1. DELHI PRESS REPORTED 8SEPTEMBER THAT PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GHANDI WILL VISIT MAURITIUS, TANZANIA, AND ZAMBIA IN THE SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER IN RESPONSE TO STANDING INVITATIONS FROM THE THREE COUNTRIES. IN REPORTING THE VISIT, THE DELHI PRESS STRESSED THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE THREE COUNTRIES IN THE DEVELOPING SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND INDIA'S LONGTIME SUPPORT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

2. COMMENT: INDIA HAS CONSISTENTLY PAID CAREFUL ATTENTION TO CULTIVATING THE POLITICAL GOODWILL OF THE AFRICAN BLOC BY ITS PUBLIC POSITION ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION AND OTHER ISSUES. THE GOI NO DOUBT BELIEVES MRS. GANDHI'S VISIT WILL GENERATE SOME FAVORABLE PUBLICITY FOR INDIA IN BLACK AFRICA.
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